

out of the evil done to America has come a new culture, one that says serving something greater than yourself in life is part of being—part of being a patriotic American.

People say, you know, “How can I help? What can I do?” You know what you can do? You can love your neighbor just like you’d like to be loved yourself. You can understand what I know, that one person can’t do everything to make America a more hospitable place, a more decent place, a more loving place; but one person can do something, and America can change one heart, one soul, one conscience at a time.

And all of us have a responsibility to help make that change. And it doesn’t take much. Mentoring a child on a regular basis will change lives. Helping people who need—who are shut in will change lives. Feeding the hungry will change lives. Helping find shelter for those who lack shelter will change lives.

See, America is changing, one person at a time. The evil people, they thought they were hitting a weak country. They thought they were hitting people that were so self-absorbed, so materialistic, that all we might do was file a lawsuit or two. [*Laughter*] But they realized this country is a country of courage and character and compassion and decency. After all, we are the finest country on the face of the Earth.

May God bless you all, and may God bless America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 12:05 p.m. at the A.G. Spanos Jet Center. In his remarks, he referred to Mayor Gary A. Podesto of Stockton; Cindy Simon, wife of candidate Bill Simon; and Alex G. Spanos, founder and chairman, A.G. Spanos Companies, and his wife, Faye.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President’s public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

August 20

In the morning, at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, the President had intelligence briefings.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Melvyn J. Estrin, George Farias, Roy Goodman, Alma Johnson Powell, Catherine Reynolds, and Beatrice Welters.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Advisory Committee on the Arts of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Mary Mochary (chairman), Patricia H. Gerber, Chi Ming Lee, William Hideo Marumoto, Elizabeth McNamee, Velma Morrison, Mary H. Perdue, Harriet Rotter, and Alfred Raymond Tye.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Board of Directors of the Rural Telephone Bank: Clay Davis and Christine Toretti (general public representatives); and Gilbert Gonzalez, Jr., James House, Luis Luna, and Roberto Salazar (Department of Agriculture representatives).

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Oklahoma City National Memorial Trust: Luke R. Corbett, Patricia Eaton, Donald F. Ferrell, Gloria Griffin, Robert M. Johnson, Linda P. Lambert, Gary B. Marrs, and Richard E. Williams.

The President announced his intention to appoint Amanullah Khan and Shinq-Chern Liou as members of the President’s Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

The President announced his intention to designate Marvin Lee Watts as U.S. Commissioner of the Pecos River Commission.

August 22

In the morning, the President traveled to Ruch, OR, and later to Central Point, OR. In the afternoon, he traveled to Portland, OR.

August 23

In the morning, the President traveled to Stockton, CA, where he spoke at the Stockton Memorial Civic Auditorium.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Santa Ana, CA, where he spoke to Hispanic community advocates, volunteers, and leaders at the Bowers Museum of Cultural Art.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Dana Point, CA, where, in the evening, he attended a reception for gubernatorial candidate Bill Simon at the St. Regis Monarch Beach Resort.

The President announced his appointment of David M. Childs as a member of the Commission of Fine Arts.

The President announced his appointment of Rudy Boschwitz as a member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

**Nominations
Submitted to the Senate**

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

**Checklist
of White House Press Releases**

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released August 19

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Released August 20

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Released August 21

Fact sheet: Healthy Forests Initiative

Announcement: Defense Briefing Participants List

Released August 22

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Transcript of a press briefing by Chairman James L. Connaughton of the Council on Environmental Quality on the fire season and the Healthy Forests Initiative

Released August 23

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer and Senior Advisor to the President Karl Rove

**Acts Approved
by the President**

NOTE: No acts approved by the President were received by the Office of the Federal Register during the period covered by this issue.